

RED CROSS BAN AIMED AT KAISER

Allies Fear Military Use
of Supplies from
America.

SUGGESTS U. S. FINANCE UNITS

Goods Will Be Passed Only
Under Such Conditions,
Note Declares.

Washington, July 31.—With the apparent intention of closing the negotiations in which the United States has endeavored unsuccessfully to secure permission to send Red Cross supplies through the Allied blockade lines into Germany and Austria, the Allied governments have submitted through Ambassador Page at London a detailed summary of their reasons for refusing such permission.

The communication, handed to the Ambassador by the British Foreign Office and made public to-night by the State Department, declares passage of such supplies "has been forbidden in the case of every blockade established in the past," and suggests that if the American people really desire to send relief supplies into the Teutonic countries they can find a way by financing Red Cross hospital units to take the places of those whose recent withdrawal led the Allies to impose the restriction against shipments.

Without hospital units to supervise distribution, the Allies contend, there can be no guarantee that the supplies will not be put to military use.

Practice Previously Forbidden.
The memorandum says:
"The position of the Allied governments in regard to the importation of medical supplies into enemy countries is that they cannot be called upon to supervise a practice which has been forbidden in the case of every blockade established in the past."

"They consider, moreover, that the Geneva Convention obviously does not apply."
These questions of principle have been settled, frequent appeals have been made to the Allied governments to make some concession as a matter of grace.

One suggestion is that neutral commissions should be appointed in Germany to receive imported medical supplies and distribute them to enemy hospital organizations, but this suggestion offers no means of restricting in any way the amount of supplies imported.

To meet this objection it has frequently been suggested that the Allied governments should specify the kinds and amounts of medical supplies, the importation of which into enemy countries they will be prepared to allow. But it is impossible to fix amounts in this way. One cannot ration the whole population of Germany and Austria in drugs and bandages. No inventory could estimate what might reasonably be needed by the population; it is equally difficult to lay down the kind of goods which may be allowed.

Fear Misuse of Supplies.
"The Allied governments have given close consideration to the question, and

they have found themselves utterly unable to evolve any system by which general shipments of medical supplies once permitted could be kept within the limits at their disposal. Their reasons for not allowing unlimited supplies to go in have been frequently stated, viz.: That the materials sent in would replace materials existing in enemy countries, which could and undoubtedly would then be applied to other and in many cases belligerent purposes.

"The Allied governments have therefore laid down the only workable distinction they could think of, namely, that American Red Cross supplies may be sent to American Red Cross units wherever such units may be. They feel that no juster test could probably be of the strength of humanitarian claims and the interest taken by the people of the United States in needs of the Central Empires, than the extent to which the people of the United States are prepared to subscribe money and send men and nurses for hospital work in Germany and Austria."

"Wherever the sympathies and energy of Americans are manifested by the presence of Americans engaged in the relief of suffering, there American supplies can be freely imported and used. This is a very definite concession and opens a wide door to American philanthropy, and the Allied governments cannot understand why, if feeling in the United States is strong on this subject, this door should be allowed to remain closed."

TWO AMERICANS ON SHIP SUNK BY MINE

Three Killed as Dutch Mail
Steamer Goes Down.

London, July 31.—The Dutch mail steamer Koninkin Wilhelmina, a two-thousand-ton steamer plying between Flushing and Sheerness, struck a floating mine off the North Hinder Lightship about 9 o'clock this morning.

All the forty-one passengers she was bringing to this country were saved, with all of the sixty members of the crew, except three stokers, who were killed by the explosion.

Frank W. Mahin, the American Consul at Amsterdam, and his wife, Mrs. Abbie Mahin, were the only American passengers on the steamer Koninkin Wilhelmina. Both were saved, but it is not known whether by a British destroyer, in which case they would have been taken to England, or by Dutch rescue ships which are taking shipwrecked passengers back to Flushing.

The first passengers to enter lifeboats were rowed to the lightship, but on arriving there it was seen that the Koninkin Wilhelmina remained afloat, seemingly justifying the hope that the thousands of empty barrels which she carried would reach her buyers.

The Koninkin Wilhelmina, however, began to sink by the head, and soon disappeared. The lifeboats, with the passengers returned to the North Hinder Lightship, where they were picked up by a British destroyer, and two Dutch torpedo boats and two tugs with doctors, who had been called for by wireless before the vessel sank.

GERMAN BABIES HAVE MILK

Report from Berlin Says Supply Has
Lately Increased.

Washington, July 31.—A report from the American Embassy at Berlin, dated a week ago and made public to-day by the State Department, again denies reports that a milk shortage is endangering the lives of babies in Germany. It supplements a more detailed report of the same nature made early in July, and says that since then there has been an appreciable increase in the milk supply.

Both reports were drawn up by Dr. A. E. Taylor, of the embassy staff, who has been in the last three months investigating conditions throughout the empire.

Since it is difficult to explain the plot of so complicated a farce as "Coat Tales," we won't. It is just one of those stories about a coat which is now here and now there. Chiefly it was there.

Of the people in the play we liked Louise Dresser best. She showed that an actress may persevere and persevere, yet be a lady.

Tom Wise did his best to be severe and stern and everybody knew he wasn't. His was an amusing performance, but his opportunities lay deep within the limits of his abilities. Maud Hanford was a sprightly ingenue. The play was mostly farce, but in at least one moment it rose to tragic heights.

A character in the first act entered hurriedly and brushed the snow from his shoulders. It was almost enough to atone for the lack of pajamas.

DON'T FORGET THE POSTAGE

Postmaster Morgan Reminds Local
Letter Writers.

Postmaster Morgan sent out a reminder yesterday for people who write to New Zealand, India, and other remote places and put a two-cent stamp on the letters.

The rate is still five cents for the first ounce and three cents for each additional ounce, except on letters bound to Canada, Cuba, Mexico, the Republic of Panama, the Canal Zone, Bahamas, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Dutch West Indies, Leeward Islands, Newfoundland, Germany (by direct steamers), England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and Shanghai, China, on which the two-cent rate applies.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Madison Square Garden To-night
Wagner Program

Madame CADSKI
Johanna

with orchestra of
Civic Orchestral Society, Inc.

Walter Henry Rothwell, Conductor

45 selected musicians from Metropolitan Opera House, New York Symphony and Philadelphia Orchestra

Select seats early from box office, Gimbel Brothers, Wanamakers, T. S. N. B. Co., and elsewhere. Prices 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, \$55.50, 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